

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 and 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): A condom according to claim-212 wherein the average circularity factor is ~~15 or below~~, suitably 14 or below.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A condom according to claim 12 wherein the inorganic compound has a water solubility of less than 0.05 g per 100 g of water.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A condom according to claim 12 wherein the inorganic compound is a salt ~~such as magnesium or calcium carbonate~~.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A condom ~~according to claim 5~~ comprising a finishing powder which comprises a particulate, substantially water-insoluble, inorganic compound having substantially spherical particle morphology, wherein the inorganic compound is a salt, and wherein the salt is basic magnesium carbonate which is a mixture of magnesium carbonate and hydrated magnesium hydroxide.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A condom according to claim 12 wherein the inorganic compound has been spray dried.

Claim 8 (cancelled)

Claim 9 (currently amended): A condom according to claim-87 wherein the inorganic compound is spray dried magnesium carbonate.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A condom according to claim 7 wherein the inorganic compound has been made according to the Aman process.

Claim 11 (cancelled)

Claim 12 (currently amended): A condom comprising a finishing powder which comprises a particulate, substantially water-insoluble, inorganic compound having substantially spherical particle morphology an average circularity factor of 15 or below, wherein the circularity factor for each particle used to generate the average is measured according to the formula:

$$\text{circularity factor} = p^2/A$$

where p is the perimeter of a 2-D image of the particle and A is the area of the 2-D image of the particle.

Claims 13-18 (cancelled)

Claim 19 (currently amended): A condom according to claim-8.7 wherein the inorganic compound has a water solubility of less than 0.05 g per 100 g of water.

Claim 20 (currently amended): A condom according to claim-8.7 wherein the inorganic compound is a salt ~~such as magnesium or calcium carbonate.~~

Claim 21 (new): The condom according to claim 5 wherein the salt is magnesium carbonate or calcium carbonate.

Claim 22 (new): The condom according to claim 20 wherein the salt is magnesium carbonate or calcium carbonate.